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SUBJ: MEETING WITH NIMEIRI: DISCUSSION OF HORN AND AFRICAN
POLITICAL ISSUES

1. BEFORE LAUNCHING INTO ECONOMIC DISCUSSION (WHICH COMPRISED
BULK OF MEETING --SEPTTEL), NIMEIRI MENTIONED HIS CONCERN AT
PRESENCE AND MOTIVATION OF NON-AFRICAN POWERS IN HORN. SUBSEQUENTLY,
HARROP RAISED U.S. SUPPORT FOR SOMALIA AS ELEMENT IN INHIBITING
SOVIET/CUBAN DESIGNS, REFERRING TO IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHED TO
ASSISTING SIAD BARRE BUT INABILITY OF U.S. TO PARTICIPATE
INDIRECTLY IN FURTHERING SOMALI ADVENTURES AGAINST NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES. HE MENTIONED WRITTEN ASSURANCES PROVIDED BY SIAD BARRE,
BUT OUTLINED U.S. CONCERN AT EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING SOMALI
MATERIAL, PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SUPPORT OF INSURGENCY. U.S.
INTENDED PROPOSE MILITARY SURVEY TEAM BUT WE HAD CAUTIONED SIAD
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BARRE THAT HIS SUPPORT OF OGADEN INSURGENCY WOULD MAKE OUR
ASSISTANCE VERY DIFFICULT. HARROP SUGGESTED THAT NIMEIRI MIGHT
CONSIDER MENTIONING THIS MATTER TO SIAD BARRE, PARTICULARLY SINCE
SOMALI-SUPPORTED INSURGENCY CREATED RATIONALE FOR CONTINUATION
OF LARGE-SCALE SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA.

2. NIMEIRI SAID THAT IN AFRICAN POLITICAL AND ETHNIC ENVIRONMENT

IT WAS IDLE TO EXPECT SAID BARRE TO CEASE SUPPORT OF OGADENIS. SAID WAS HIMSELF FROM OGADEN. SUDANESE SUPPORT OF ERITREAN INSURGENCY WAS ANALAGOUS. NIMEIRI DID NOT HAVE THE POWER TO PREVENT LOCAL CROSS BORDER ASSISTANCE OF ERITREANS FROM SUDAN. HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO PUBLICIZE SUCH ACTIVITY. IN MEETING LAST WEEK IN ALEXANDRIA HE HAD URGED SIAD TO BE QUIET ABOUT THE WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT. HE ADDED THAT IN EARLY SUMMER 1977 HE HAD TOLD SAID BARRE THAT INVASION OF OGADEN WAS A SERIOUS POLITICAL ERROR.

3. HARROP ASKED NIMEIRI WHAT HIS OBJECTIVES WOULD BE AS OAU CHAIRMAN. NIMEIRI SAID HE HAD REFLECTED ON THIS QUESTION AND HOPED THAT HIS PERIOD IN OFFICE COULD BE SEEN AS ERA OF PEACE AND CONCILIATION. FOR EXAMPLE, HE AHD RECENTLY DISCUSSED SAHARA DISPUTE WITH BOUMEDIENNE AND HAD RECEIVED CONFIDENTIAL ASSURANCE THAT BOUMEDIENNE WAS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE WITH HASSAN. NIMEIRI DEPLORED FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN AFRICAN DISPUTES. "I DON'T LIKE CUBANS", HE SAID. HE FELT THAT APPROPRIATE CONTRIBUTION OF FOREIGN POWERS WAS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SO SORELY NEEDED IN AFRICA. HARROP NOTED THAT SOVIETS UNFORTUNATELY PREFERRED TO PLAY MILITARY RATHER THAN DEVELOPMENTAL ROLE AND THAT U.S., LIKE AFRICANS, WOULD WELCOME ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION FROM USSR. NIMEIRI'S MANNER WAS REFLECTIVE AND FRIENDLY THROUGHOUT DISCUSSION. BURGUS UNQUOTE VANCE

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